To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a parent of an ASTE student at Rockville High School. My daughter is in the class of 2024 and has been in the ASTE program for 2 years now. She has always loved animals and this program has been amazing for her. She absolutely loves working with the animals and plants, and now wants to major in environmental sciences in college. The ASTE program has really shown her many opportunities for her future and I know it would not have happened without the amazing teachers in our ASTE program at Rockville. This program is so important to these students to show them opportunities for education and jobs, and it definitely needs to continue. This state funding is essential to keep this program at Rockville High School. I highly encourage all of you to pass this bill and continue this outstanding program for our community and for our students. Thank you.

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